

KPNX-TV

B.S. CARD #1

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

KPNX-TV (EFF: 6/4/79)

COMMERCIAL TV BROADCAST STATION

XKTAR-TV (2-6-61)

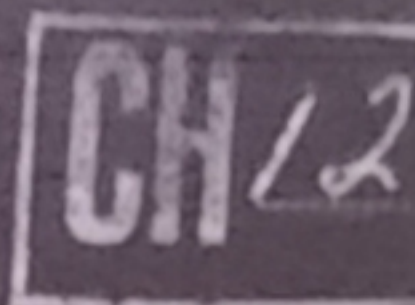
First Operation: 4-20-53 (started 5-2-53)

~~XKTAR-TV (Letter 7-1-54)~~

Date first licensed 3-11-55 (Off.No. 131)

Call letters ~~XKTAR-TV~~

STATION LOCATION: MESA, ARIZONA



GRANTED ~~4~~ miles SED. 3,552 miles, on 5-8-58

STATION IDENTIFICATION: Phoenix & Mesa, Ariz.

KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY (BAPCT-98 Gr. 6-16-54 Eff: 6-30-54) (Letter 6-23-54)

Name of licensee ~~X~~HARKINS BROADCASTING, INC.

7 miles South of Phoenix on South Mountain Park, Phoenix, Arizona (BPCT-2721, gr. 3-18-60)

Transmitter location ~~X~~ 8 miles south of city of Phoenix, Phoenix South Mountain Peak, Arizona

1101 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, Arizona, (BMLCT-33 4-25-56)

Main studio location ~~X~~ U. S. Hwy. #80, 1 mile west of city limits, Near Mesa, Arizona

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Msg. Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From - To
BPCT-1409 (Issued with BMPCT-1028	2-18-53	Ch. 12 204-210	V-27 kw. A-13.5 kw.		
(C. P. for a new Commercial TV B/C Station granted subject to antenna site & Structure approval)					
BPCT-1409 & BMPCT-1028	3-19-53	Ch. 12 204-210	V-33 kw. A-16.5 kw.	U	By 5-19-53 To 11-19-53
C. P. & Mod. of C. P. for a new Comm TV B/C station					
Wire accordance BMPCT-1028.	4-20-53	STA operate commercial basis exact Period 4-20-53 to 10-20-53.			
Wire stating operation began 5-2-53					
BTC-1575 Eff:	9-21-53 10-16-53	Involuntary transfer of control of permit tee corporation from Harry L. Nace to Harry L. Nace, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Harry L. Nace, Deceased.			
WIRE BMPCT-1028.	9-29-53	Ext. STA	operate comm. basis accord. CP Period ending November 19, 1953.		
WIRE BMPCT-1491.	11-4-53	Ext. STA	operate comm. basis accord. CP Period ending May 19, 1954.		
BMPCT-1491 Mod. of CP/to extend completion date. BPCT-1409 and BMPCT-1028	11-3-53	Same	Same	Same	11-19-53 5-19-54
BMPCT-2072 Mod CP(BPCT-1409, as mod) to extend completion date	4-21-54	same	same	same	11-19-53 11-19-54
4-23-54 Mod & EXT CP BMPCT-2072 pending completion of performance measure- ments for License application. Per. End. 11-19-54		STA Opr.	Comm basis exact accordance		
BAPCT-98 EFF: 6-30-54	6-16-54	Vol. assignment to KTAR Broadcasting Company.			
BLCT-250 Lic. to cover CP	3-11-55	CH 12 204-210	V-31.6 A-15.8	U	3-11-55 10-1-56
BMLCT-33 Mod. Lic. to chg. Studio Location.	4-25-56	same	same	same	4-25-56 10-1-56
BRCT-131	9-26-56	same	same	same	10-1-56
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
10-1-59					

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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

Call letters **KTAR-TV**
~~K-T-A-R~~

Station location

Name of licensee **KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY**

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From: To:
COMM. ACTION 5-8-58 GRANTED WAIVER 3.652 OF RULES CHG. STATION IDENTIFICATION FROM MESA, ARIZ. TO PHOENIX & MESA, ARIZONA					
BRCT-131	9-16-59	same	same	same	10-1-59 10-1-62
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BPCT-2721	3-18-60	CH #12	V-316 kw	U	5-18-60
AH: 1780'		204-210	A-158 kw	MSL: 3003'	11-18-60
CP to chg. ERP, TL, install new transm. type of antenna. AH.					
WIRED	9-13-60	RE LIC. BLCT-1060	AUTH. GR. PROGRAM TEST		
ACCORD. BPCT-2721 & SEC. 3.629 RULES. NOTE PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY REMAINS MESA, ARIZONA. ADVISE: _____					
BLCT-1060	7-19-62	Ch. 12	V-316 kw	U	7-19-62
AH: 1780'		204-210	A-158 kw	MSL: 3003'	10-1-62
License to cover CP (BPCT-2721)					
BRCT-131	3-15-63	SAME	SAME	SAME	3-15-63
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BRCT-131	9-1-65	SAME	SAME	SAME	10-1-65
RENEWAL OF LICENSE					
BLCT-471	2-9-66	Same	Same	Same	2-9-66
			A-46.8-kw		10-1-68
Mod. of lic. to reduce Aural ERP & Modify Aural Trans.					
BRCT-131	9-25-68	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			10-1-71
BTC-5638	10-16-68	VOL. TC			
EFF: _____					
BRCT-131	9-30-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-74
BTC-6831	4-19-72	Vol. T/C			
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRCT-131	9-27-74	Renewal of license (S)			10-1-77
BRCT-131	9-12-77	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (S)			10-1-80
BRCT-800102KG	4-22-80	Remote control authority			
BRCT 800530KI	9-30-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE(S)			10-1-83
BRCT-800530KI SUPERSEDED TO SHOW CORRECT EXP. DATE.					

CARD #1

Form A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

Call Letters KTYL-TV KVARName HARKINS BROADCASTING, INC.
(PO. Box 885, Mesa, Arizona)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPC-1409 Recd Filed	11-1-52	Construction permit for a comm. TV B/C station	GRANTED ISSUED WITH BPC-1028 ON 3-19-53 (SEE CARD #2)	2-18-53
	11-3-52	FREQ: Ch. #12, 204-210 mcs.		
	11-3-52	ERP: Vis. 26.9 kw, Aur. 13.45 kw Hours of operation: Unlimited S-L: 1 mi. west of city limits on U S hwy 80, Mesa, Arizona T-L: 1 mi. west of city limits on u s hwy 80, Mesa, Arizona (Vis. & Aur. DuMont 8000) (402') Filed direct		
AMENDED	11-3-52	Amended substituting new pages 1 & 2 of V-C		
Recd. &	11-5-52	to clarify discrepancies in orig. application.		
Filed	11-5-52	Filed by Dwight Harkins- Sect'y. of applicant.		

Card # 2

FORM A-170

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM TV B/C

Call K V A R

Letters ~~KVLR-TV~~

Name HARKINS BROADCASTING, INC.
Mesa, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-1028 Recd & filed	3-7-53 3-9-53	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1409 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change ERP from Vis 27 kw, Aur. 13.5 kw, to Vis. 33.2 kw, Aur. 16.6 kw, change transmitter location from On South Side US Highway 80, 1 mile West of Mesa City Limits, near Mesa, Arizona, to Mountain Park, 8 mi. S. of Phoenix, Arizona and make minor antenna and other equipment changes. (1567') Filed direct	GRANTED ISSUED WITH BPCT-1409 ERP: Vis. 33 kw. Aur. 16.5 kw. Ant. Ht. Abv. Aver. Terr: 1550 Ft.	3-19-53
Amended	3-18-53	To change type of antenna		
Recd. & Filed	3-18-53			
BPCT-1028	3-7-53	Mod. of CP (BPCT-1409 which authorized a new commercial TV broadcast station) to change ERP from Vis 27 kw, Aur. 13.5 kw, to Vis. 33.2 kw, Aur. 16.6 kw, change transmitter location from On South Side US Highway 80, 1 mile West of Mesa City Limits, near Mesa, Arizona, to Mountain Park, 8 mi. S. of Phoenix, Arizona and make minor antenna and other equipment changes. (1567')		
and filed	3-9-53	Filed direct		

CARD #3

COMMERCIAL TV B/C

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY

Call KVAR

Letters KTYL-TV

Name ~~X~~ HARKINS BROADCASTING, INC.

Mesa, Ariz.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BTC-1575 Rec'd Filed	8-28-53 9-1-53 9-1-53	Involuntary transfer of control of permitted corporation from Harry L. Nace to Harry L. Nace, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Harry L. Nace, Deceased. Filed by applicant	GRANTED Eff:	9-21-53 10-16-53
BMPCT-1491 Recd. Filed	10-16-53 10-19-53 10-19-53	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1409, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Station) for extension of completion date from 11-19-53 to 5-19-54. Filed direct	Ltr. to applicant re: Para. One GRANTED	10-23-53 11-3-53
BMPCT-2072 Recd. Filed	4-16-54 4-19-54 4-19-54	Mod. of CP(BPCT-1409, as mod., which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta.) to extend completion date from 5-19-54 to Nov., 1954. Filed direct.	GRANTED	4-21-54
BAPCT-98 RECD FILED	4-28-54 4-29-54 4-29-54	Voluntary assignment of CP from Harkins Broadcasting, Inc. to K T A R BROADCASTING COMPANY. Filed by Quayle B. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-16-54 6-30-54

Card # 4

FORM A-170

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV B/C

FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

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Letters **KVAR**Name **KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY**
Mesa, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-250 Recd. & Filed	10-2-54	License to cover CP(HPCT-1409, as mod.,) which authorized a new Comm. TV B/C Sta. Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANTED	3-11-55
	10-8-54			
	11-17-54			
Amended Recd & filed	11-23-54	Amended to change ERP from Vis. 33 kw, Aur. 16.5 kw to Vis. 31.3 kw, Aur. 15.7 kw and make other equipment change. Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.		
BMLCT-33 Recd & filed	10-26-55	Modification of license to change studio location from 1 mile West of City Limits of Mesa, on U. S. Highway 80, near Mesa, Arizona to 1101 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, and request for waiver of Sec. 3.613 of the Commission's Rules. Filed by Quayle B. Smith, Atty.	GRANTED COMM. ACTION	4-25-56
	10-28-55			
BLCT-131 RECD & FILED	6-27-56	Renewal of license Filed by Seymour M. Chase, Atty.	GRANT AFFIRMED BY DECISION IN DOC. 11760 ON 7-18-57	
	7-6-56			
			REN. GRANTED 9-25-56	

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM. TV

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KTAR-TV (4-6-61)

Letters ~~K-V-A-R-~~

Name

KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY

Mesa, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-131 Recd.&Filed	6-22-59 6-26-59	RENEWAL OF LICENSE EDWIN S. NAIL Edwin S. Nail-atty	GRANTED	9-16-59
BPCT-2721 Recd & filed	11-19-59 11-23-59	CP to change ERP from 31.6 kw, Aur. 15.8 kw to Vis. 316 kw, Aur. 158 kw, change trans. location from 8 miles S of Phoenix, Phoenix South Mountain Peak, near Phoenix, Arizona to South Mountain Park, 7 miles South of Phoenix, Ariz., install new transmitters, RCA TT25CH, change type of antenna to RCA TW 15B12, make equipment changes and antenna height above average terrain to 1780'.	GRANTED COND. Prior to licensing acceptable data shall be submitted for type acceptance of transmitter re Section 3.640 of Rules.	3-18-60
BLCT-1060 Recd.& Filed	9-6-60 9-9-60	LICENSE to cover CP (BPCT-2721) which authorized changes in existing station. Edwin S. Nail, Atty.	GRANTED	7-19-62

FORM BC-121
Aug. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM.TV

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Letters KTAR-TV

Name KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH. #12 MESA, ARIZONA

zip 85001

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-131 Recd.&Filed	6-15-62 6-26-62	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Philip J. Hennessey, Jr., Atty.	GRANTED	3-15-63
BRCT-131 Recd.&Filed	6-25-65 6-25-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Robb, Porter Kistler & Parkinson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-1-65
EMLOT-471 R & F	1-17-66 1-25-66	Modification of license to reduce Aural ERP from 158 kw to 47.4 kw and change Aural transmitter to RCA TT-11AH. Robb, Porter, Kistler and Parkinson-atty	GRANTED	2-9-66
BTC-5638 R & F Press	4-16-68 5-13-68 MAY 22 1968	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from the Family of John J. Louis, Deceased (Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Co. Executor and State National Bank, Trustee, John J. Louis, Jr., Ray C. Smucker, et al (all stockholders) to Combined Communications Corporation.	#428303 GRANTED EFF:	\$30. 5-13-68 10-16-68 10-31-68

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

COMM.TV

Call
Letters **KTAR-TV**

Name **KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY**
 CH. 12 **MESA, ARIZONA**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-131 R & F PRESS PN Recd. ENGR. DATA FILED	6-20-68 7-1-68 JUL 11 1968 7-7-70	RENEWAL OF LICENSE P.J.Hennessey III, Atty. (Robb, Porter, Kistler) Letter from Atty. 7-18-68 re engineering.	\$150. #441006 GRANTED	7-1-68 9-25-68
BRCT-131 Rec. & filed PN Recd PRESS	6-30-71 7-1-71 7-1-71 JUL 25 1971	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Peter D. O'Connell (Pierson, Ball)	GRANTED	9-30-71
BTC-6831 R & F #056157 \$250 AC: 055 PRESS:	3-23-72 3-28-72 3-28-72 APR 18 1972	Voluntary transfer of de jure control of Combined Communications Corporation (parent corporation of licensee) from the Louis-Eller Group to de facto control by the Louis-Eller Group. REQUEST WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION POLICY REQUIRING CONSUMMATION OF TRANSFER OF CONTROL WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER GRANT. Atty.: Peter D. O'Connell (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED EFF: 5-2-72 COMMISSION ACTION Gr. waiver of 45 days consummation require ment.	4-19-72

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

BTC-6831

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call KPNX-TV
Letters X KTAR-TV

Name KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY
CH-12 Mesa, Arizona

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-131 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	6-13-74 7-2-74 7-2-74	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty: Brian A. Johnson (Pierson, Ball & Dowd) XNo Annual Report Filed Annual Report Filed 7-25-74. Amended 9-26-74 re other business interests.	GRANTED	9-27-74
BRCT-131 R&F PN RECD PRESS	5-26-77 6-1-77 6-1-77 JUN 14 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Atty.: Leon Schachter(Pierson, Ball & Dowd) No Contours filed: Amended 8-1-77 re substitute for Exh.# 6 Amended 8-26-77 re EEO. Amended 8-25-77 re EEO.	GRANTED	9-12-77
BTC-780912KI R&F:	9-12-78 SEP 29 1978	Voluntary transfer of control of Combined Communications Corporation, (parent corp. of licensee) from John J. Louis, Jr., Karl Eller, et al., stockholders of Combined Communications Corporation to Gannett Co., Inc.	GRANTED EFF:	6-7-79

110 N. Central Ave. Phoenix 85001

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: KPNX-TV

Name: KTAR BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH-12

Station Location: MESA, AZ

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRCCT-800102KG R & F	12-18-79 1-2-80	Request authority to operate trans. by remote control from 1101 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. Atty.: Harrison T. Slaughter (Pierson, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED 4-22-80
BRCT-800530KI R & F PN REC'D	5-27-80 5-30-80 5-30-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE ATTY: PETER D. O'CONNELL {PIERSON, BALL AND DOWD} Amended 8-5-80 re legal	GRANTED - 9-30-80

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

